

## Presidential Picks of 2-0-1-6

### Student vs national poll on upcoming election



**Bernie Sanders(left) vs Ben Carson(right):** The Democratic party is represented by Bernie Sanders and the Republican party is represented by Dr. Ben Carson. Photos courtesy of Biography.com and wisgop.org



**Hillary Clinton(left) vs Donald Trump(right):** Republican primary candidate, Donald Trump and Democratic primary candidate, Hillary Clinton. Photos courtesy of books.simonandschuster.ca and ew.com

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There is a burning question on America's mind: who will be the presidential pick of 2-0-1-6?

With the election year quickly approaching, our nation will once again take to the polls to select our nation's leader. The choice will not be easy. Over a dozen Republicans are vying for their party's nomination and a number of strong candidates are also in fierce competition for the Democratic bid.

Although most of Harpeth Hall's student body will be too young to vote in November 2016, our opinions will be shaping political elections in the near future. In the words of Dr. Jack, "As students mature and start to think for themselves...they begin to develop their own, independent opinions. The start of this process involves listening

to the current political discourse and trying to decide what issues are important to them and what they think about the various candidates on both a local and national level. Eventually, they will be able to see beyond the rhetoric and the campaign bluster and reach informed opinions of their own." So, how do girls' opinions compare to the national statistics?

Logos conducted a student poll in the month of September to gather information on student views of the 2016 presidential election. There was a clear winner in each student poll: Vermont senator Bernie Sanders dominated the Democratic survey, with 56% of respondents choosing him, while 41% of Republican-leaning students selected neurosurgeon Ben Carson.

An anonymous responder chose Sanders because "he stands for equality, fair wages...and many more things that will make our country a better place." In a September

18th, interview with Stephen Colbert, Sanders said that "what we also want is a society in which all of our people can enjoy a decent standard of living." The politician is behind candidate Hillary Clinton, with national polls at 26%.

According to Dr. Carson voters, the candidate "embodies what our country is, not just the upper class." In the September 16th, CNN debate, Carson shared that the government needs to "negotiate a reasonable minimum wage." He, too, is second place in the polls behind business magnate Donald Trump, with 18% of the vote.

Although our opinions will not bring about decisive change in 2016, young people's stance on national issues will become increasingly influential in the political scene in the years to come.

## Honoring Dia De Los Muertos

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For Spanish speakers, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is a time full of exciting events that signify their culture and language--Spanish Heritage Month.

La Dia de los Muertos, or the day of the dead, is one of the many events linked to Hispanic culture in the month of September. This day, officially celebrated on November 1st, resembles the popular Halloween holiday celebrated by many Americans. However, the purpose of la Dia de los Muertos is to take time to remember those who have passed away. At night, detailed flowers and ghost-white skulls cover

many painted faces. Luminous candles, succulent fruits, and perfumed flowers fill shrines that have been devoted to deceased family members and religious idols.

Students at Harpeth Hall are celebrating this beautiful holiday through Cheekwood Botanical Garden's 16th Annual El Dia De Los Muertos Fall Festival, which will be held Oct. 24, from 10am to 5pm. Last year, a group of students worked together to draw an image with chalk that represented the holiday. Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish culture, practice speaking the language and even try traditional foods from the food trucks.

Harpeth Hall's Spanish Club also

sought ways to get involved for Spanish Heritage Month. Students made Ojos de Dios, yarn weavings that originated in indigenous Mexican cultures. These bright, colorful and festive decorations cover the campus to celebrate this month.

As the usage of the Spanish language is steadily increasing, it is important that students have found ways to celebrate the Spanish culture. Spanish club president Keely Hendricks hopes that sharing fun facts about Spanish culture in the daily announcements and hosting a guest speaker will help people to "gain a better appreciation for the Hispanic culture."



**Dia De Los Muertos at Cheekwood:** Harpeth Hall students compete in the annual drawing competition at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. Photo courtesy of Shashikant Patel



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# Immigration: a growing controversy

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The growing migration crisis is the largest refugee movement seen in Europe since World War II. According to National Public Radio, Turkey alone has brought in 2 million refugees fleeing the Syrian civil war in the last year. According to the New York Times, the European Union made a decision on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to provide relocation plans for 120,000 refugees in transit to Europe.

Roughly 9 million refugees have fled Syria since the war broke out in 2011, averaging at about 2.5 million per year. According to White House press secretary Josh Earnest, the United States accepted 1,500 Syrian refugees last year and has decided to raise the number to 10,000 this coming year.

Not all in Washington are enthused about even these modest numbers. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, Republican Chuck Grassley said, "Before agreeing to accept tens of thousands of Syrian refugees, the Obama administration must prove to the American people that

it will take the necessary precautions to ensure that national security is a top priority, especially at a time when ruthless terrorist groups like ISIS are committed to finding ways to enter the United States and harm Americans."

Others in Washington and across the country more broadly contend that America has a responsibility to aid the people of Syria as they attempt to flee a ruthless regime.

While the Syrian crisis continues to divide Europe and the world, in the United States, the issue of immigration from the Mexico and Central America persists.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said, "A nation without borders is not a nation. There must be a wall across the southern border." In addition to this request, Trump has supported the idea of asking Mexico to pay for the wall.

On the other side, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said, "We cannot and we should not be talking about sweeping up millions of men, women, and children – many of whom have been here for

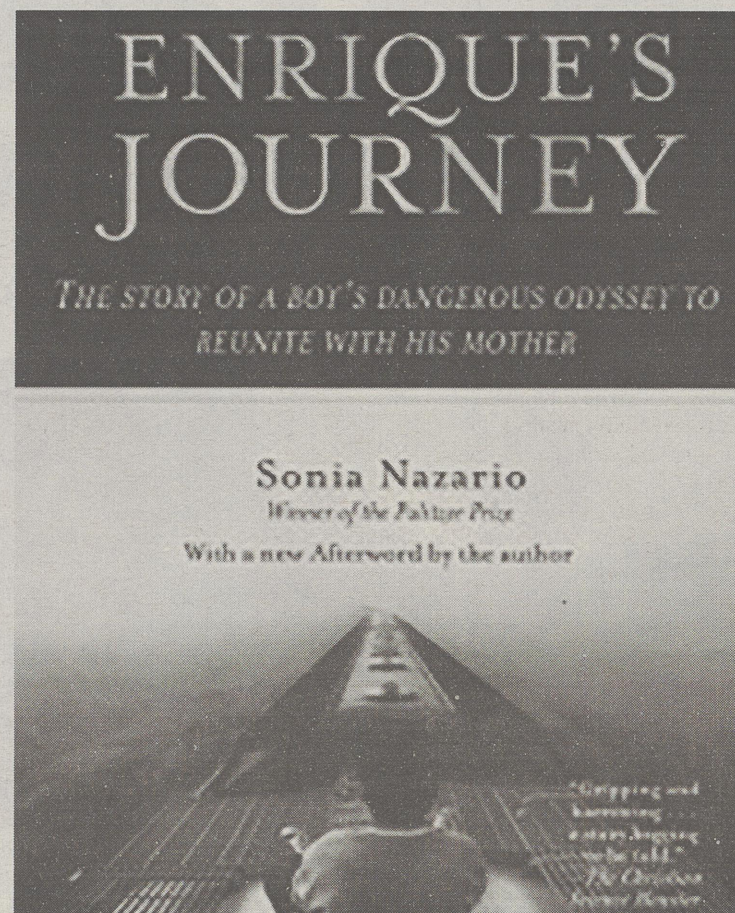
years – and throwing them out of the country." Whether the immigration issue is in Europe or America, it will remain a topic of discussion until the next election.

In our own hallways, immigration has been a hot button issue.

Along with reading Enrique's Journey, a story about a boy's migration to the U.S., this year, Harpeth Hall's sophomore English classes discussed the topic of migration. Student's read articles about migrants and watched videos about their 1st hand experiences. Teachers made sure to talk about both the negative and positive effects of migration and an individual's different views.

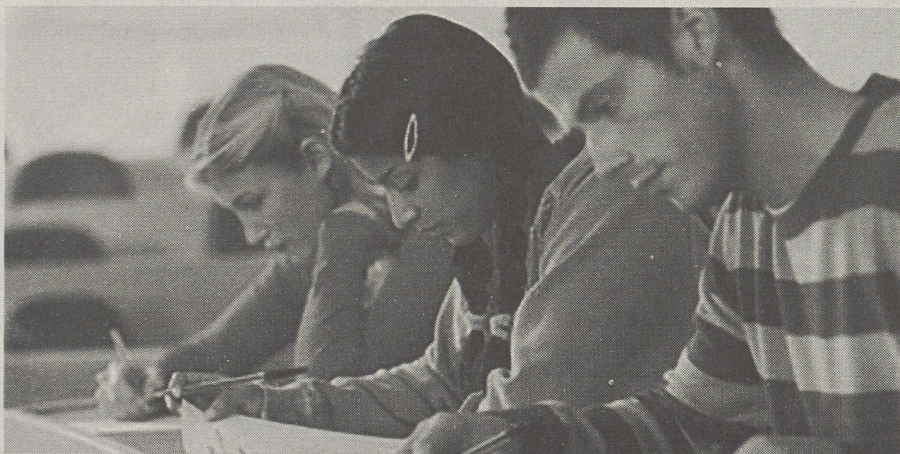
"After reading and discussing Enrique's Journey, I became much more aware of the problems concerning immigration. I have come to realize that it is a topic that needs to be understood by all students, sophomore Dhara Patel said.

Understanding the reasons for migration and being open to all of the controversial views on immigration is the first step in dealing with the topic, which is one that will continue to be a pertinent national issue for years to come.



Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario: English II students read an empowering story about a boy on a quest to find his mother. Photo courtesy of loyalpheonix.com

## New changes to ACT



Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario: Students across the nation prepare for the new changes on the ACT test. Photo courtesy of ebr.oncoursesystems.com

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On the morning of Sept. 12, 2015, millions of high-schoolers anxiously began the ACT. With number-two pencils and ACT-approved calculators precariously placed on each desk, students began a three-hour assessment meant to determine their college readiness. Unlike in previous years, however, the students were tested on more than basic English, math, science, reading, and writing knowledge.

The new STEM score measures proficiency in the math and science sections, while a new Language Arts score combines English, reading and writing performance. In addition, the writing score follows a new framework that emphasizes interpretation of information when forming an argument. Finally, the new text complexity score is a comprehensive view of a student's reading abilities.

The new ACT will include questions that integrate knowledge and ideas, the ability to compute probability and statistics and the ability to justify and explain ideas. In addition, students will now be measured on the typical one-to-thirty-six scale and by a variety of new college and career readiness indicators derived from the current testing method.

As standardized testing continues to change, students are facing mounting challenges when trying to prepare for the altered tests. "This is not an overhaul to the ACT; these are just slight adjustments that will yield more positive things," said Paul Weeks, the company's vice president of customer engagement.

For Harpeth Hall students, these "positive things" will not change the needed preparation for the college entrance exam. Instead, the test will likely present the same challenges and anxieties for each girl as it did in previous years, while additional scores will represent the test's alterations.

## Nashville tops charts

### Music City voted number one for friendliness and entertainment

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Nashville's culturally diverse and friendly environment makes it a favorite place for tourists alike, as well as a great place to work, live, and raise a family. Aside from the exquisite sight and the great restaurants, Nashville is also being called "the friendliest city in America."

That's right! Nashville has become America's new "it" city. Booming in the rise of tourism and sudden growth in population, Nashville has earned the nickname "Nowville." According to a survey conducted by Travel+Leisure magazine, Nashville won the survey for making visitors feel most welcome. The magazine annually asks for feedback from readers of the magazine and frequent travelers. In November, the magazine released its "America's Favorite Cities" list. Nashville, not only received top rankings for being the friendliest city, but also for wireless coverage and overall people.

"Geographically, the top 15 winners represent a distinct advantage among heartland cities—though one could argue that the size of city, not the location, may be a better indicator of heart. The winning cities also ranked well in the survey for some concrete features that make it easy for locals to show off their sunny demeanors: pedestrian-friendly streets, cool boutiques, coffee houses, and even communal, picnic-table-equipped food truck pods," says Travel+Leisure magazine.

"I recently moved to Nashville from Wisconsin, and it has been a wonderful transition. Not only has Harpeth Hall been extremely friendly, but the city of Nashville as a whole has been welcoming," said sophomore Dhara Patel.

There is even more positive aspects to this Southern city. Nashville also ranked number one for its music scene, number one for concerts, number three for festivals and number four for people watching.

"It's not surprising that Nashville would be so highly ranked in so many categories. I have been here all my life and I still have so many more places to explore and activities to undertake," said sophomore Bushra Rahman.

There is no question that the people make the city what it is. The cultural diversity is just one more reason Nashville has taken the hearts of many.

Freshman Ellie Edwards, a Nashville native, gives her input on what makes Nashville so desirable, "I think that Nashville is the friendliest city because it welcomes different cultures and is open to a world of possibilities. We have Greek festivals and German town, and although Nashville is known for country music, people of all ethnic backgrounds feel welcome and at home," she says.

The southern flair, welcoming atmosphere, and lively streets of the city is what makes Nashville so appealing to such a wide range of people.



# 'Affinity' for new groups at the hall

## GSA and FCA gain official club status

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At Harpeth Hall, there are two new groups added to the club repertoire: the Gender-Sexuality Alliance and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Both the GSA and the FCA are grouped under the umbrella term of 'affinity group,' which encompasses clubs revolving around ideologies (religions) and identity (LGBT+ community) instead of shared interests (beekeeping or service).

These clubs, which have formerly existed only unofficially and outside of the school day, have earned their place in the club ranks, thanks to the enthusiasm of the student body and the support of faculty members, particularly Mr. Springman, the head of the History department. Student pressure peaked after student-led queries about affinity clubs were asked at two consecutive annual Leadership Day fishbowl.

However, endorsing the clubs was not completely a result of succumbing to the peer pressure of current milieu. The matter has been under scrutiny for over a decade. A principal concern of former head of school Ann Teaff was that affinity groups might divide girls into interests that might not include everyone.

Times have changed along with the culture of the school, and now LGBT students and Christians, along with their allies, have clubs that are officially recognized by the school. The Gender-Sexuality Alliance encompasses all genders and sexual orientations and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes bear no exclusory policies either, stating in an introductory email that "you do not have to



Club fair in full swing: Students sign up for a variety of clubs. Photo courtesy of Marie Maxwell

be a Christian to attend, and you certainly do not have to be an athlete."

It was this commitment to inclusion that helped to assure the clubs' official acceptance. Mrs. Hill said, "It was harder and harder for these student activity groups to be told that they had to meet outside the school day. It may have seemed like we were signaling that they were not as welcome as, for instance, the knitting club, and that was not our intention."

To many, the new policy promotes acceptance and creates a more welcoming environment in which students can express themselves freely. GSA president Murray Hannon said, "I think having the GSA meet during the day is crucially important for the LGBTQ community at Harpeth Hall. Representation is such an important part

of growing up, and having a prevalent GSA can make a student struggling with self identity feel accepted and safe. I hope that this is the first step in making the discussion of sexuality and gender normal at Harpeth Hall."

Of her group's acceptance, FCA president Sloane Fuller said, "I think it was definitely time for FCA to become an official club, as there is a large percentage of students who are Christians and who would like to be able to speak openly about it on campus." Harpeth Hall is home to many Christians and the FCA will provide a new avenue with which many can interact. Of the FCA, Fuller said, "it's a great place for us to practice that faith, worship, and grow in our relationships with our classmates as well as our MBA counterparts."

The GSA and the FCA were the only existing affinity groups on campus, and therefore were grandfathered in with the new policy. Consequently allowing other affinity clubs could open up opportunities for very niche clubs. What is preventing a group of students from forming, for instance, a Jewish Thespians club? Hypothetically, nothing. The student council will be open for reviewing ideas for more affinity clubs in the second semester.

Affinity groups allow students to unite under a shared identity or ideology that they might not be able to normally express. Far from exclusion, certain groups can hope to educate the general student body about their views. Having an official club status elevates a group's chance of having a voice, whether it be a religion or an identity.

The air of excitement about the addition is palpable, and Mrs. Hill affirms the sentiment. "I think that bringing these two new clubs, FCA and GSA, is a good thing," said Mrs. Hill. "And I think there seems to be a lot of excitement around it. I am so excited that we have some movement, and I think we're in a different place right now than we were a long time ago."

# Carving Halloween's vibrant history

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For many, Halloween is just another holiday. During this "ordinary" day, one might dress up and shamelessly eat candy corn. However, for many, it is an intense competition of elaborate costumes, getting the best candy and counting the number of times one can make goosebumps appear on his or her friends. All of the festivities of the Halloween season begs the question, how did this spooky holiday begin?

Thousands of years ago, Halloween was introduced in southern Europe. As a Pagan holiday, it was called Samhain. Samhain marked the beginning of the Celtic New Year, which began on the evening of October 31st and lasted until the evening of November 1st. Samhain translates to "summer sunset" from Old Gaelic. This period marked the time of the harvest, the darkening of the days, and the time during which magic beings would appear. Similar to Halloween's current image, Samhain brought fairies, witches and goblins alive. Celts believed that Samhain was when the "veil" dividing the living from the dead was the thinnest. Samhain was during the transitional period of fall; therefore, they believed it was when light turned to darkness, or summer to winter.

Samhain has also been controversial since the 8th century C.E. During this time, the Roman Catholic Church was the dominant religion and political power in Europe. In order to forcibly convert pagans, the Church forbade

pagan holidays or replaced them with Christian ones. In the 730s, Pope Gregory III named November 1st to be All Saints' Day, which is still celebrated in many religious countries.

Samhain holds the roots of many modern-day Halloween traditions. Nonetheless, this tradition has evolved a great deal, resulting in a few key differences. Today, jack-o-lanterns serve decorative purposes; however, they originated as lamps used to welcome the dead back into their old homes. Additionally, they left cakes on their porches. The how the wildly popular practice of going door to door for a sweet treat was originated.

Now, students attend Harpeth Hall's annual Halloween dance and dress up in costumes while attending classes. Of those recently surveyed, the Halloween dance and going trick-or-treating were students' favorite Halloween traditions. These honeybees also agreed on candy corn and Halloween-themed chocolates as their favorite Halloween-themed candy.

"When I was a kid, I dressed up in out of the ordinary costumes and loved going out on Halloween to go trick-or-treating. But now, I like to stay home and pass out candy to the little kids who knock on our door. I also love going to some of the city's best haunted houses," said senior Priya Patel.

Junior Claire Gould is "big" on carving pumpkins and eating candy corn.

Maybe this Halloween, people will view the holiday in different light after learning of its rich history.



Getting ready for Halloween: Current Harpeth Hall junior Claire Gould carves a pumpkin as a child. Photo courtesy of Claire Gould



# Senior Speech Scandal

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The room was void of the usual hum of chatter and laughing. There was no buzz of excitement or low giggles of girls just arriving from lunch. For the first time in my term at Harpeth Hall, Francis Bond Davis Theatre felt empty during an assembly.

As this year's seniors already know, the tradition of senior speeches has been altered. On certain days, only seniors are required to attend senior speeches rather than the entire Upper School. On the surface, this sounds great. Freshman, sophomores, juniors, and faculty now have more time built into their schedules.

Of the changes Dr. Adam Wilsman, Upper School Social Sciences teacher said, "Many faculty members felt that students and faculty alike would benefit from more free X-Blocks. Over the years, it does seem that X-Block has gotten more and more jammed with activities." Furthermore, some girls are welcoming the change. Many girls let out a sigh of relief when informed that only seniors will be attending their speech. Furthermore, those seniors who wish to speak to a large audience may request to do so.

Nevertheless, some people spend up to four years of their lives walking down these hallways and playing on these fields, and only speak from the stage of Francis Bond Davis Theatre once. Only once were we promised the undivided attendance, although maybe not attention, of at least



**SENIOR SPEECH PROFILE:** Lillie Penley delivers her senior speech at Upper School Assembly. Photo courtesy of Milestones

the entire upper school. This was our chance, entrusted to us by the administration, to speak our minds and share a piece of ourselves with Harpeth Hall and the community that embodies it.

Maybe this alleviates some stage fright, but is that worth the loss of the sacred speaker/audience connection? If the speeches are only in front of seniors--104 people plus parents--then they are not as nerve-wracking, but because

they do not seem as important.

For the classes who have heard the senior speeches in the past, a precedent will have been set; they will remember watching other seniors on stage for this traditional practice. However, for classes after the Class of 2019, the senior speech will truly seem to be a "senior speech."

It will no longer be a privilege to share an experience or impart your wisdom to the whole school. As a current senior, Caroline Bennett said, "If one senior has something really phenomenal to say, only the other seniors are going to hear it. What if it's something that could apply to everyone?" There is hardly any grand anticipation or rare opportunity in speaking to the same people you have been talking to for years. It's no longer a chance to share ourselves or our stories with the younger students we are told to lead.

All in all, this change has drained the senior speech of the exhilaration and pride that accompanied it before. Never is this more clear than at the end of each seniors-only assembly. No one knows whether to chant the senior song or not; it starts, but quickly fades into the quiet shuffling of sneakers and Sperry's.

There seem to be winners and losers to the recent changes to senior speeches. While the current juniors, sophomores, and freshmen are now benefitting from additional free time, might they ultimately regret the decision that they are now benefitting from?

## Roll Red or Go Home...and HBN?

BY GRACIE POPE  
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As sibling schools, Harpeth Hall and MBA often support each other in their athletic events, theatrical performances and more. However, what happens when the support is mostly one-sided? While arguably most Harpeth Hall students can still recall their first MBA game, one might wonder if some MBA students have even set foot on Harpeth Hall's campus. The sad truth is that MBA simply does not support Harpeth Hall as much as Harpeth Hall supports them. But the question is, why?

The answer to this questions is not easy to decipher and it is likely not the same for every individual. As teenagers, people are trying to figure out who they are and who they want to be. While girls face immense pressure from the media as well as from their peers, it is perhaps less acknowledged that this is equally true for boys. This may be part of the reason why MBA students are not as apt to attend Harpeth Hall athletic events and other school functions. While they may view it as cool to go to their own sporting events, some may feel that going to an all-girls' school's event may hurt their ego resulting in backlash from peers.

Thus, MBA students may be too self-conscious to step out of their comfort zone to attend Harpeth Hall events. When it is so rare for an MBA student to go to a Harpeth Hall event, it becomes even harder for students to take a chance and go. The unfortunate truth is that MBA's support for Harpeth Hall has become so scarce that some students may fear that their peers will look down on them if they attend Harpeth Hall's functions.

Of course, this speaks to a larger societal issue too. While NBA games are generally well-attended, WNBA games can struggle to fill the seats. This is true with a variety of other sports in which men and women both participate. Why do men and women alike seem to be more inclined to support men's sports? By 2015, shouldn't support for women's sports be more on par with that of their male counterparts?

While I will graduate in the spring, my hope for the future of Harpeth Hall is that the relationship with MBA will greatly improve and become more equal. When my fifth grade sister reaches the Upper School, I hope that she does not have to wonder why MBA does not support her and her friends as much as she supports them. Hopefully, the students of Harpeth Hall and MBA can come together to make a positive change so that the future students of each school feels equally supported.

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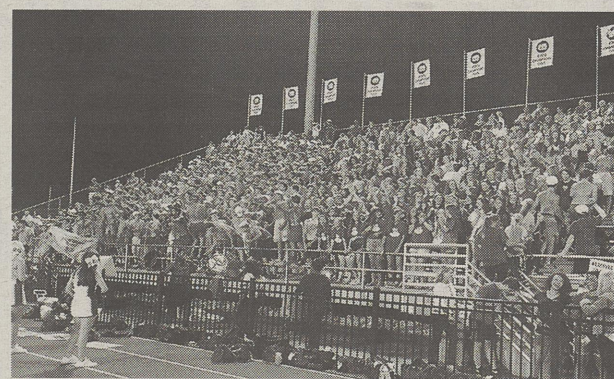
We all go to these "ever-so-loved" MBA football games, but let's be real... they're awkward. Girls from Harpeth Hall and St. Cecilia flock to these social events to satisfy their boy deprivation. But regardless of Harpeth Hall's support, most boys do not attend our sporting events.

To examine and explain these peculiar occurrences, we ventured over to "The Hill" in search of answers. Overall, we found that the root of the problem is poor communication on Harpeth Hall's part.

Senior Matt Remke states that Harpeth Hall does not openly advertise their sporting events to other schools like MBA does. If Harpeth Hall students hope to acquire more fans at each of these events, the girls need to communicate more with others outside of the school. However, the HBN needs to support each other before they expand the number of their fans. The stands at a Harpeth Hall basketball game are mostly made up of parents and grandparents of the players. Quite frankly, the lack of support can be embarrassing.

Tanner McCormick, also a senior, says that he goes to MBA games because "it is fun to be around all of the student section getting crazy and supporting the team." McCormick might be onto something. During the school day, students do not have time to wildly support our peers due to our hefty amount of schoolwork, but why not celebrate after school? Why not get a group of friends together and cheer on the undefeated soccer team? If these boys can support the Big Red, there is no question about our availabilities to encourage our own Bears. We need to make time for our friends, as we would want them to do for us. No one likes to see empty stands when she is on that court, field, or track.

It is perfectly okay to go to an MBA game, but we should be considerate of the Harpeth Hall teams who work just as hard as they do and are being ignored. Not only does it get points for our intramural clubs, but it also gives us a sense of community and a break from homework. Although these boys may not come to our games, they've got it right in their ways of showing pride and spirit for MBA.



**Big Red Sea:** Students cheer for MBA at a football game. Photo courtesy of Carter Lovvorn

The relationship between MBA and HH has been a much-debated topic since it was first introduced in the Leadership Day Fishbowl, and the Logos team is taking more opinions of the student body into account. Visit LogosNow in mid-November for video interviews and conversations with students from both schools.

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# New Outlaw: Black Shoes

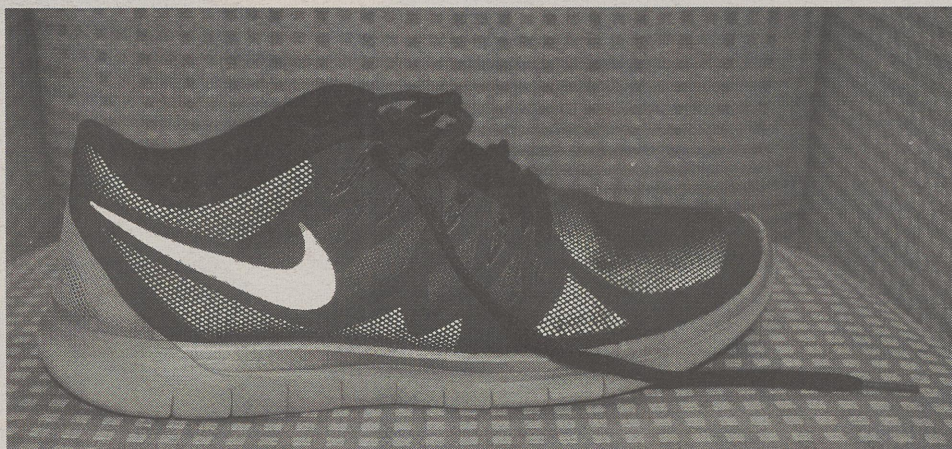
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Clothing guidelines are not new to Harpeth Hall girls. Accustomed to life in a uniform, we are also accustomed to the ever-so-popular guidelines, including the rule that prohibits Nike socks, blue uniform shirts, and the newly enforced rule that prohibits black shoes.

Let me take you back. I was in ninth grade; I'll never forget it. I was excited to purchase the year's school supplies and accessories. These were the few precious things that I could choose myself. Like many of my freshmen peers, I grabbed a plastic bag full of promising Nike socks. Paired with my new Asics, I was sure to begin the year with a strong, athletic start (although sports/activity/running were nowhere near my future).

That is, until Nike Socks were banned. The news was broken on the first week of school. If one was seen wearing them, demerits were to ensue. Reasoning lay in the idea that Nike Socks introduced a "cool factor," intimidating and therefore coercing girls into buying them. After the demerit threat, more frantic trips were made to Target, in which girls scoured the aisles for non-branded socks, along with multiple other tasks for the school year. I apologized to my mom, who took it like a champ.

Now, two years later, the halls are met with another newly-enforced guideline: no black shoes. Black shoes have never been permitted, but the new enforcement of the guideline has led to more than one student being reprimanded for their use. Soon after this new enforcement, brand-new pairs of gray tennis shoes fill the halls.



THE OUTLAW: Nike Freerun 5.0 Poses  
Photo courtesy by Emma Wise

Befuddled and confused, I wanted answers, and so I went to Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Hill. When the shoe topic was brought up, they reminded me it was not long ago that Sperrys were the one and only shoe option. Until, Ms. Maxwell adds "More and more students were turning in permission notes to wear athletic shoes for various reasons," referring to the issue of Sperrys not giving enough support.

This year, the ability to wear tennis shoes was graced upon Harpeth Hall. We should be thankful for the recent legalization of all tennis shoes, a step up from Sperrys.

While I respect the recent positive freedom, I am still lost as to why black shoes are not permitted. While it is not a color within the Harpeth Hall color wheel, one still won-

ders what this poor neutral color ever did to deserve this?

When the topic is brought up in conversation, students also seem befuddled. The topic of shoe color seems ridiculous, as students have far more to worry about. The color gradation from gray to black is not strong enough for a brand new pair of shoes. With these guidelines, I cannot help but wonder how girls will react to the real world. Will there be one working environment that shuns a girl for wearing black shoes as opposed to gray shoes, the company's color? I shutter.

With all of the freedom college promises, I think it is safe to say that Harpeth Hall girls will be most overwhelmed with their endless sock and shoe possibilities.

# Email Hack at the Hall

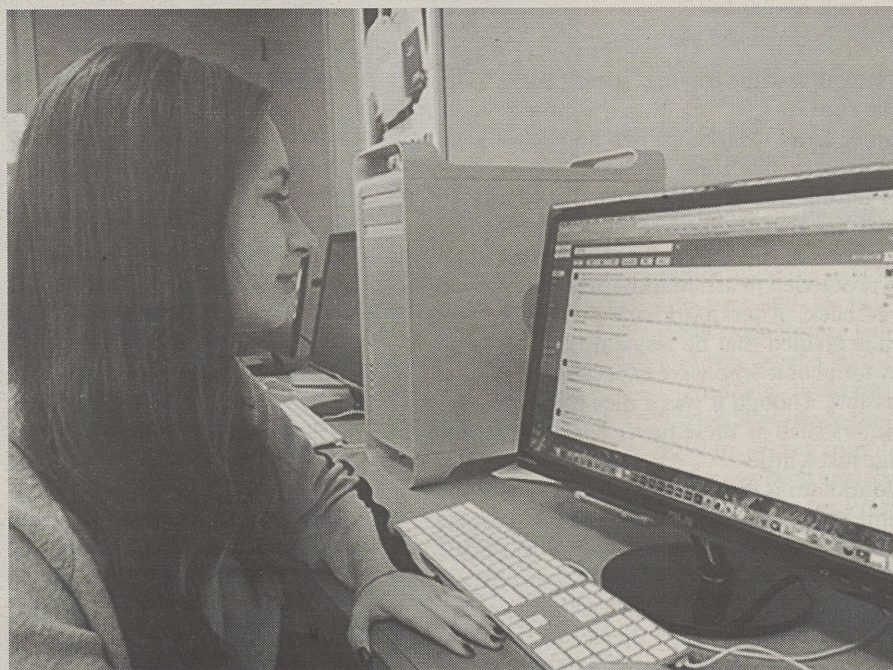
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Over the course of the last several weeks, "important messages" have been bombarding student and faculty e-mail inboxes all across campus.

These e-mails, however, are not important at all, but relentless spam. As aggravating as these emails are, to many students, the solution seems just as frustrating. In the end, however changes are necessary.

In the past month, students have been inundated by hundreds of emails from hijacked Harpeth Hall accounts. Senior Catherine Baker says, "In total, I got about 200 emails from random people, but just kept trashing them. It got really irritating to keep getting those emails for several days. But it's totally a bummer for those who were affected by this."

Of the email issue, Director of Library and Information Services Molly Rumsey said, "It appeared much more serious than it really was. Only five accounts' passwords had been compromised." Those five Harpeth Hall accounts which had been compromised also obtained the contact lists of these people, and



Fwd:Important: Gracie Pope finds her inbox bombarded by hacked emails Photo by Keely Hendricks

could mask as that person and send emails to anyone in her contacts. Mrs. Rumsey is still unsure about where exactly this spam originated. "It is difficult to figure out if it was a person or computer program causing it. In fact, one of the accounts was logged in at twenty different locations," Mrs. Rumsey said.

Mrs. Rumsey also revealed that a common aspect among the accounts whose passwords were compromised was that they had shorter

passwords. Thus, now all students and faculty members are required to change their passwords, and the minimum characters for a password will be changed from six to ten.

Although safety measures have been put in place to ensure that this does not happen to other students, such as spam filter tweaks, many students thought this issue went on way too long and the approach to solve the problem was a hassle. The fact that the entire student body was forced to change their passwords, even if it fit the new password criteria, was a decision that caused many students to complain.

Personally, I loved my password and have had it for most of my Harpeth Hall career. The thought of typing a password different from the one I knew and loved, was an adjustment and one that I did not enjoy. I continue to log on with my old password at times, and have to train my fingers to awkwardly hit the new keys.

However, one should keep in mind that although these changes seem annoying, it's justified and ultimately for the students' security. In the end, there are some "important e-mails" that we would prefer not to receive.

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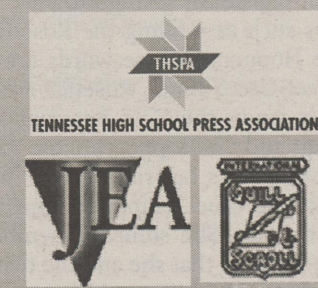
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# Harpeth Hall's newest addition: A cool chemist

BY ASHLEY ZHU  
Staff Writer

Want to know what teacher at Harpeth Hall plays the mandolin and does needlepoint on the side? Look no further than Ms. Billings, the new chemistry teacher!

Upon sitting down with Ms. Billings, her bright smile and cheerful countenance are immediately noticeable. She enjoys running, needle-pointing clothes for her family, watching baseball games and playing the mandolin, an instrument she picked up quickly after being trained in classical violin.

She has been married for thirteen years, has three children (ages nine, seven and five) and has a variety of pets: a dog named Bandit, four chickens and Jake the Bearded Dragon. All three children go to Harding Academy, and her youngest recently started kindergarten.

Before Harpeth Hall, she was an epidemiologist at the Tennessee State Health Department and later stayed at home taking care of her three sons while volunteer substitute-teaching at Montgomery Bell Academy. She loves the subject of oxidation reduction, and she looks forward to teaching the subject to her chemistry class.

She has many friends who went to Harpeth Hall, and she heard great things about the school.

Ms. Billings says that her goal



**CHEMISTRY IS COOL:** Juniors Jenny Fisher and Halle Petrie enjoy a lesson by their new teacher, Mrs. Billings on chemistry. Photo courtesy of Emma Wise

is to teach students to "appreciate chemistry and not be scared of chemistry and know that there are many different things you can do in the sciences besides going straight to medical school or veterinary school, and there are lots of different ways to use a science background." For instance, she went to public health school which was a very realistic application of science. She did not know about that when she was in high school or college. It was not until after she finished college as a veterinary tech for a year that she was introduced to public health.

Billings studied endocrine destructive chemicals and different poisons in the environment that can interact with varying cancers and our estrogen or testosterone levels. She says that it is fun to look at a chemical, understand the structure in chemistry and see how it affects levels in the environment.

Bushra Rahman, a sophomore student in chemistry, remarks that "Mrs. Billings is genuinely invested in each of her students and takes the time to ensure her students' understanding in chemistry upon day one of her arrival at Harpeth Hall." It is the student body's hope that Mrs. Billings' teaching prowess will help students for years to come.

## Markham making money one sprinkle at a time

BY ALIX ALBRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Many members of the Harpeth Hall community have taken a trip to the Sweet Cece's on the corner of the Hill Center to satisfy their sweet tooth at least once. This ice cream shop serves as a hotspot for Hill Center shoppers and sugary snack seekers alike, and it is the go-to stop during the blazing hot months of summer. One Harpeth Hall student, Melissa Markham, has been working at this Sweet Cece's since the winter of her junior year.

Melissa's inspiration to go out and get a job at the frozen yogurt store came from her older sister, Campbell, who began working there in her junior year of high school, as well. Markham began by taking one-to-two shifts per week during the spring months, but her hours augmented during the summer, during which she worked three-to-four shifts per week. At the moment, she is taking a break because of the beginning of senior year, which for Markham is filled with soccer, school, and college applications. Thankfully, she says, her managers are understanding, but are nonetheless awaiting her return in around two months.

There are many jobs that need to be done during the busy hours of the day. Main jobs include working the cash register or giving samples, as well as small side-jobs such as refilling the Rosettas, the Cold Bar, and the Hoppers. These words are in the dictionary of Sweet-Cece's lingo; Rosettas are the dispensers filled with candy, the Cold Bar consists of the yogurt toppings and the Hoppers are the yogurt containers.

Markham's favorite part of the job is hanging out with the other employees during the calmer hours of the day. She smiles remembering the times during summer that she and the two other staff members working the shift would hang out in the back room,

talking and laughing while playing "speed-stacks" with empty yogurt cups.

On the other hand, Markham has had some awkward encounters in her time at Sweet Cece's. One time, a man getting frozen yogurt looked at Markham and informed her that she looked like a "free-spirit" and guessed that she "likes to make people laugh and smile," then proceeded to ask Markham if she felt pain in her lower back. After Markham politely replied no, the man explained that he was a missionary who liked to pray for people who were experiencing pain as much as possible. Though it was a nice thought, awkward encounters such as these never fail to make any person cringe just a little.

Overall, Markham is glad that she works where she does. Her time at Sweet Cece's has been both enjoyable and educational. One important lesson she has taken out of her job is how to work with people, no matter how bitter they can get. She says that when she deals with irritated customers, she sits there and thinks to herself, "Dude, this is frozen yogurt. You need to calm down. I'm very sorry we don't have your favorite topping today."

Another important lesson she's learned is how to gracefully admit that she is wrong, even when she's not. She believes that everyone should work in the food industry or any sort of customer service at least once in their lives, because it has greatly improved her "people" skills. Markham encourages every Harpeth Hall student to get a job, and she makes the final remark that "whether it's just in the summer or during the school year, it's always valuable, and you know, a little extra cash."



**MELISSA AT WORK:** Melissa and her sister pose on the ladder at Sweet Cece's where they spend long hours serving treats to sweet customers. Photo courtesy of Melissa Markham



# Lighten the load: Backpacks weigh students down

BY MARIAMA DODD AND CARRIE HAYNES

Staff Writers

Backpacks are a seemingly normal part of every student's routine. Daily, teenagers load their bags with binders, books, papers and more. One expects backpacks to uphold the weight of one's daily teenage life, but are they only weighing teens down?

Almost half of the students who completed a recent Logos survey believe their backpacks weigh between 10-20 pounds. In fact, however, many weigh up to 30 pounds. Students' estimates were often almost 10 pounds off. What does this extra 10 pounds do? Extra backpack weight can cause students to lean forward which leads to back, hip, shoulder, and knee pain as well as posture problems.

According to the Huffington Post, 14,000 American children per year are treated for backpack related-injuries.

Almost 80% of students surveyed at Harpeth Hall believe that the weight of backpacks is an issue. Many classes now involve online textbooks which helps decrease the weight students carry per day. While online textbooks seem to be a step in a positive direction, many students dislike this approach and believe that physical textbooks located at home and at school are a better solution. Students cited ideas like lighter laptops, rolling backpacks, and

less paper usage.

However, with Harpeth Hall's many stairwells and the lack of elevators that students can use, a rolling backpack would be a difficult option to maintain. Some students try to make the rolling backpack work, like sophomore Lizzy Asad. "It's not easy being the only student at Harpeth Hall

who uses a rolling backpack," Asad said. "Although I have to deal with the hassle of stairs, I am comforted by the fact that when I'm older, I won't be a hunchback."

The extra weight of unneeded school supplies often causes additional pain, and according to Harpeth Hall learning specialist Gwen Skelley, this problem could be solved if Harpeth Hall did a better job of communicating necessary school supplies. Solutions

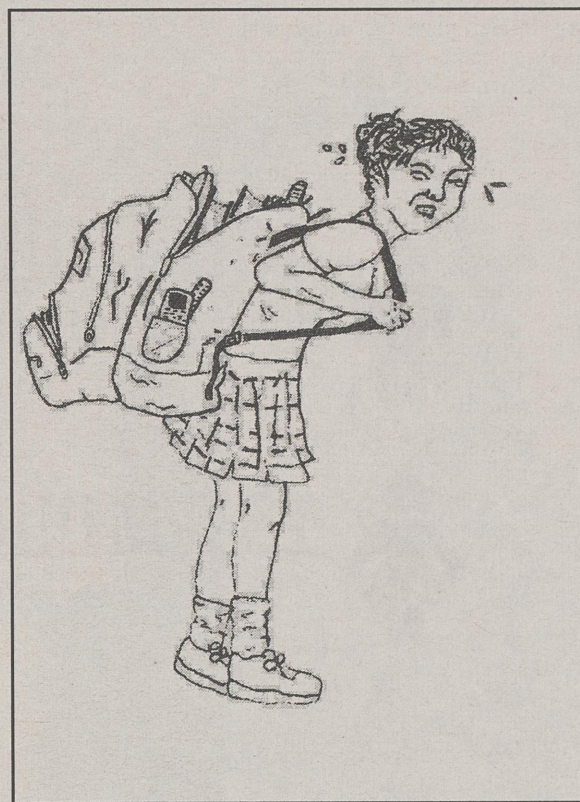
like online textbooks may decrease the weight of backpacks, but they will not solve all backpack-related issues.

The problem backpacks pose to students all over the country is almost an unsolvable issue. The Huffington Post recommends wearing both straps rather than just one, using backpacks with multiple compartments to distribute weight.

The best solution might just be to use those online textbooks as much as possible...and maybe do a couple more situps in Strength and Conditioning.

**"Backpacks are too heavy to the point where students are getting back problems. It is unsafe for us to carry them all day long with heavy textbooks inside them. Personally, I think we shouldn't have to bring textbooks home every night."**

**-Senior Abbey Snow**



**BURDEN OF BACKPACKS:** Harpeth Hall students struggle with the weight of their backpacks on a day-to-day basis. Photo courtesy of Jordyn Lesh

# Fall into the foliage of Autumn: Nashville's parks

BY MARIMAC MCRAE

Staff Writer

According to Nashville.gov, Davidson County is home to 121 different parks, making up 12,000 acres of open space. In addition, there are the 19 different greenways, main trails, and must-sees in the parks.

Frankly, there are too many to list. However, some favorite places of Nashvillians include Radnor Lake, the 5.8 loop starting at Percy Warner, the Dragon Park and the Nature Center off Highway 100. Additionally, a popular activity happening only once a lunar cycle is the Full Moon Pickin Party, fully equipped with an array of food trucks and live music.

Even though these places and events are special to many, the parks are unique to Nashville for different reasons. The parks allow for a vast amount of ecological diversity to be readily available to anyone who cares enough to look, and one can never stop finding new things. For example, if one takes the Hungry Hawk trail, she may discover a bird-blind, a small amphitheater and a dilapidated gazebo. One might also find that the Hungry Hawk winds through a field with grass-like plants that are taller than most people.

Ironically enough, the growing obsession with technology and media may just be leading people back outdoors or, perhaps, dragging them outside behind the lens of a camera. It is interesting to grow up in an era where teenagers increasingly confine themselves to the quietness of their rooms, the glow of their cellphones, and the allure of social media's ever-growing timeline. It's interesting because even though they are losing touch with their sense of the outdoors, pictures that circulate throughout media either occasionally or often are reflecting the beauty of our natural surroundings. This is not to say that concert pictures and the like are eroding away in place of scenic travel pictures, but who can't remember seeing a vibrant sunset captured by at least one #KingSkyPic snapchat story? A beautiful natural backdrop for a picture with friends never looks bad. Whether captured as a backdrop or as a centerpiece



**FROLICKING IN THE FALL:** Junior Jenny Fisher explores the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens on the weekend enjoying the foliage of fall. Photo courtesy of Marimac McCrae

in a post or photo, the reverence towards the gorgeous nuances of the environment is still surviving through media.

Not only is media giving natural scenery a new kind of importance, but it also absolutely glorifies fall. It's sweater weather, it's football season and it's time to get a foaming pumpkin spice latte. So, while teens are really revving up to go all-out this pumpkin-spice season, the trees are about to turn the parks into true mic-droppers. The parks are filled with diversity, so mixed into the oaks with brown leaves are the vibrant yellows, pure reds, and deep oranges of the maples, birches, tulip poplars, dogwoods and hundreds of others. One may need to venture further than their backdoor step to see what the colors of fall include. Parks have naturally placed so many different kinds of colors so close to each other, making the views unique.

A way to increase cardio with a more eye-pleasing view is to hike on park trails. According to sophomore Bradford Harrington, "Fall has the prime weather for cardiovascular activity in the parks." On a trail, one finds the warm colors naturally associated with autumn. When the light from the sun hits the already-vibrant leaves, it gives them a new kind of glow. Underfoot are a similar array of colors: reds are intermixed with the burnt oranges and browns and yellows.

Being a Nashvillian means many things to many people. Nashville has an expansive park system that is often taken for granted. When reminded of the parks, many people share their memories from their park outings. According to Junior Olivia Clair Shepard, "In the trees there are beautiful birds...but also yoga masters perfecting poses in the uppermost branches."

As Harpeth Hall's students enter the second semester and the stresses of the school year add up, it's worth considering the robust park system that surrounds as a respite for those daily stresses.



# "LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!"

## GENDER INEQUALITY ON



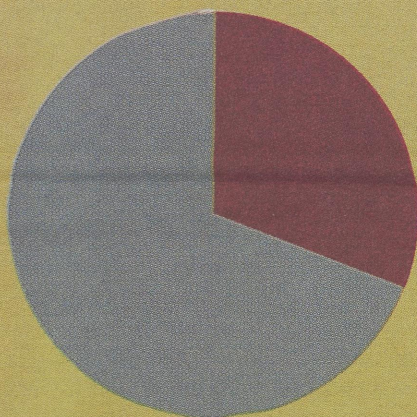
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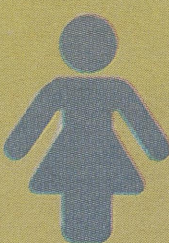


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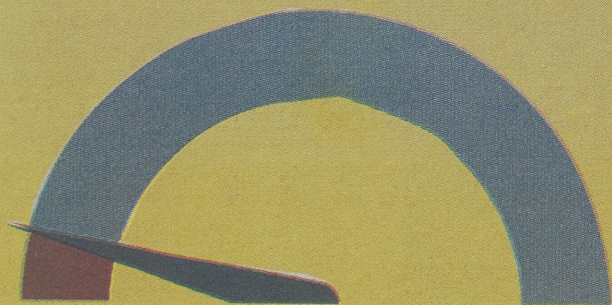
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**30.8%** of speaking characters are women



About **1/3** of female speaking characters are shown in sexually revealing attire or are partially naked



**10.7%** of movies featured a balanced cast where half of the characters were female



The film industry is both created by and a creator of America. On the weekend, discuss films with their friends and even... ever, the film industry has been underrepresenting women. While women actually purchase half of movie tickets, female... comparison to their male counterparts. Women working on... like cinematographers, producers, editors and writers, are a... pejorative way women are often portrayed on screen. We ha... that the Harpeth Hall community might be more aware of the world.

However, in spite of the challenges that women face, there are women who have been incredibly successful in the film industry, such as Reese Witherspoon, and the producer of Jurassic Park, Kathleen Kennedy, who are leading the way in creating and empowering their female characters on screen. They are as capable of creating valuable cinematic works as men, and we should support them for it.

For Harpeth Hall girls who are dreaming of working in the film industry, the opportunity. The entertainment business is in need of vision. If this continues, a stronger female presence in Hollywood could change the world.



**38%**  
employed

**0-1 woman**

**23%**  
employed

**2 women**



# Y ON THE BIG SCREEN

creator of American culture. Americans often see mov-  
 ends and even study film history in college. How-  
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 ood could change our culture for the better.

Kathleen Kennedy is an acclaimed film producer who has produced works such as *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *E.T.* and *Jurassic Park*. In 2012, she became the president of Lucas Films, and her new film, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, will be released this December. Overall, she has worked on over 60 films, including three of the highest grossing films in history.



Reese Witherspoon began her career as a child actress. Since then, she has won several awards and international recognition for her acting. She opened her own production company, Pacific Standard, in 2012, which produced the high-profile films *Gone Girl* and *Wild*. The company is dedicated to developing strong female roles, in accordance with Witherspoon's opinion that "[we] just want to see different, dynamic women on film."



Films that employed women as directors, writers, producers, and cinematographers



# Honeybear events calendar

BY MAGGIE TATTERSFIELD, LIZZY ASAD, AND AVA BONEY  
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31 SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	12 Last Comic Standing Schermerhorn Symphony Cener  Art Trunk: Art of Ten- nessee Nashville Public Library	13 Leon Bridges Marathon Music Works  "Food for Thought" Frist Center for Visual Arts  Nashville Ballet: 'Peter Pan' Nashville Public Library	14 Modest Mouse War Memorial Auditorium	15 Fall Break begins  	16 Walk the Moon Ryman Auditorium  Music at the Frist: East Side Story Frist Center for Visual Arts  Boo at The Zoo Nashville Zoo	17 Walk the Moon Ryman Auditorium  It's All About the Trees! Cheekwood Botanical Garden  Architecture Tour Frist Center for Visual Arts
18 FREE family Festival Day Frist Center for Visual Arts  Yodeling Demo Country Music Hall of Fame  Fall Break ends	19 Bo Burnham War Memorial Audito- rium 	20 Opening night of 'Cin- derella' Andrew Jackson Hall 	21 Montgomery Gentry Ryman Auditorium	22 Opening night of 'Dracula' James K. Polk Theater   PAUL VASTERLING, Artistic Director	23 Boo at the Zoo Nashville Zoo  Predators VS Ducks Bridgestone Arena	24 Final performance of 'Dracula' James K. Polk Theater  Halloween Dance Harpeth Hall  Haunted Museum Tennessee State Museum
25 Final performance of 'Cinderella' Andrew Jackson Hall  Medallion Red Carpet Fan Experience Country Music Hall of Fame	26	27 Art Hisory Course: The Art, Life, and Myth of Michelangelo Frist Center for Visual Arts	28 Steve Miller Band Ryman Auditorium  Community Outreach: Musical Petting Zoo Nashville Public Library, North Branch	29 Mikky Ekko Mercy Lounge  River Tank Feeding Nashville Zoo  A Midsummer Night's Dream opens	30 Slightly Stoopid with Stick Figure and Roots of A Rebellion War Memorial Audito- rium  Phantom Bodies: The Human Aura in Art Frist Center for Visual Arts	31 Pretty Lights Ascend Amphitheater  A Midsummer Night's Dream final show 
1 NOVEMBER BEGINS  Luke Bryan: Interview/ Acoustic Performance Country Music Hall of Fame 	2	3 Opry at the Ryman Ryman Auditorium	4 CMA Awards Bridgestone Arena 	5 Lecture: "Crime and Remembrance: Stories from Mexico's Drug- lands" Frist Center for Visual Arts  Everclear City Winery Nashville	6 Beyond the Body: Exploring the Human Spirit through Art and Forensics Frist Center for Visual Arts  Opry at the Ryman Ryman Auditorium	7 Exhibit for 'Remembering the World War I Dough- boy' opens Tennessee State Museum  Fiddle 101 Country Music Hall of Fame
8 Eric Anderson: Inter- view/Performance Country Music Hall of Fame	9	10 Predators VS Senators Bridgestone Arena 	11	12 Music at the Frist: Con- trarian Ensemble Frist Center for Visual Arts  Predators VS Maple Leafs Bridgestone Arena	13 Evanescence Marathon Music Works  	14 Predators VS Jets Bridgestone Arena  Buddy Miller & Jim Lau- derdale Radio Show City Winery Nashville



# Introducing: the Rolling Tones

BY LIZZY ASAD

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Ever since the release of Pitch Perfect, aca-fever has swept the nation. For those who are surprisingly unaware, an "a capella" choir is a singing group that performs entirely without the help of musical instruments. Hit television shows such as The Sing Off and Glee have aided a capella's journey to fame by casting the musical groups in a glamorous-yet-quirky light.

Even collegiate a capella groups have transformed to some of the most popular campus groups across the nation in the matter of only a few months. A capella groups have firmly cemented their place in our generation's culture through their boundless talent and fresh creativity.

This year, the a capella trend has finally hit the Honeybear halls; Nancy Turner, head of the Performing Arts department, has formed a Harpeth Hall a capella choir. I recently got to interview Mrs. Turner about her new singing honeybears:

**What is the name of the new a capella choir? Did you have any inspirations?**

Our name is going to be The Rolling Tones! I was inspired to start the group because I enjoy Pentatonix so much - I'm glad the girls told me that I should check them out! It takes a lot of skill to sing without instruments but it's definitely a sound that I love. It's a great addition to our music program. And a cappella music is very popular right now because of the success of Glee and Pitch Perfect, as well as Pentatonix.

**What are some of your goals for the a capella choir?**

My goal for this group would be for the girls to develop their musical skills in new ways, and to have lots of fun while they are doing it!

**What are you most excited about?**

I'm going to be very excited to see the girls performing, hopefully without a conductor, and creating a wonderful experience for the audience.

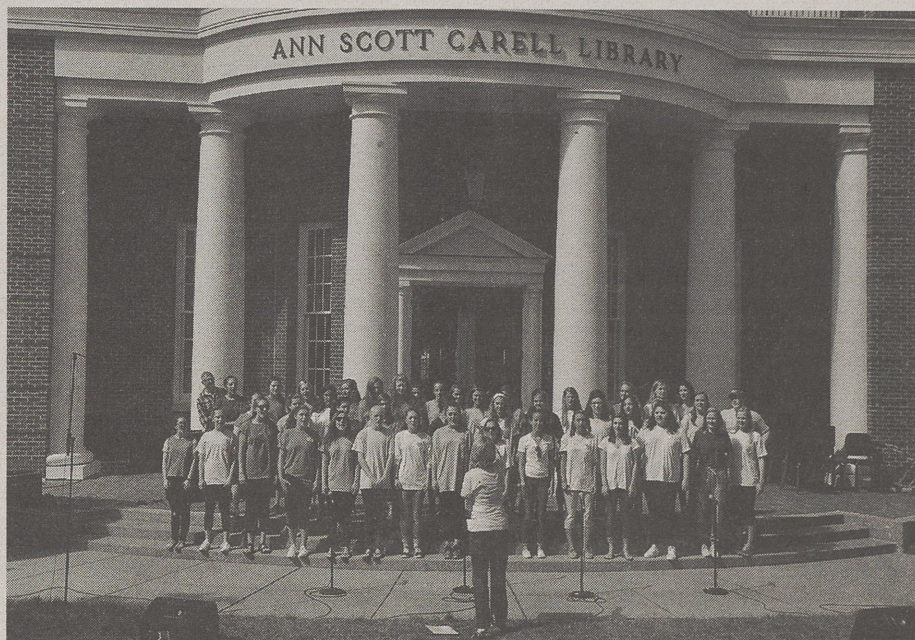
**What type of music will the show choir cover?**

They'll be singing pop music, including golden oldies by great groups as well as current hits.

**Who can join the group?**

This group is open to girls who are enrolled in the Concert Choir, the Chamber Choir, or the Orchestra, and they'll be rehearsing before school approximately once a week.

Be sure to catch the Rolling Tones' first performance at Open House!

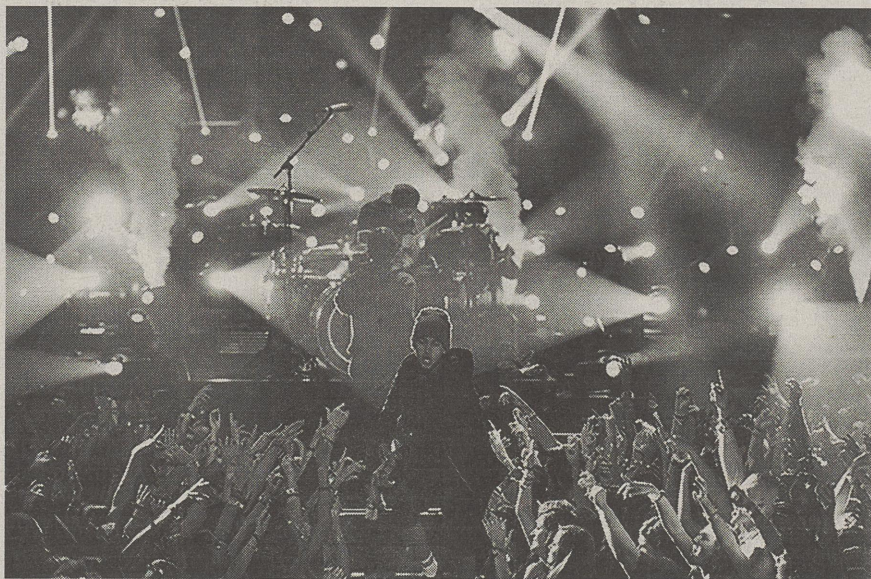


**Hitting the high Cs:** The Chamber Choir singing during this year's Sunday and Souby Photo courtesy by Joanne Mamenta

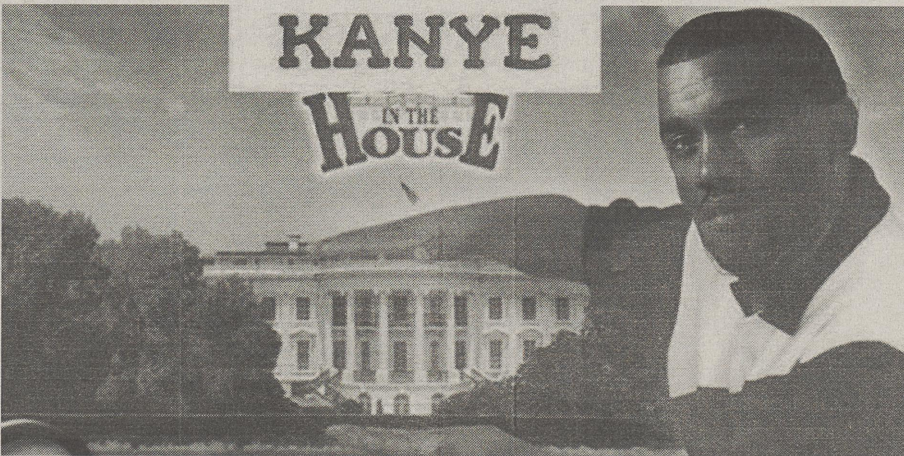
# Lights, drama, VMAs!

BY AVA BONEY

Arts and Entertainment Editor



**Lighting up the stage:** Popular band Twenty One Pilots performs during the VMAs Photo courtesy of Billboard



**Kanye in the house:** Will Kanye have some new plans for Uncle Sam? Image courtesy of Seventeen

Much to nobody's surprise, the 2015 MTV Video Music Awards was jam-packed with drama.

It all began as Taylor Swift joined her former foe, Nicki Minaj, on stage for a performance of "The Night is Still Young" which then evolved into a twist of Swift's "Bad Blood." After their dispute on Twitter regarding the awards, Minaj and Swift's killer duet confirmed that any 'bad blood' between the two has been cleared up.

Throughout the night, various awards were given to artists such as Bruno Mars for Best Male Video, Fetty Wap with the Artist to Watch Award, and most notably, Nicki Minaj receiving the award for Best Hip-Hop Video.

After being introduced by Rebel Wilson, Nicki Minaj expressed her gratitude for the award. However, Minaj made a point to call out Miley Cyrus in reaction to her interview in which Minaj got a few blows to her ego. Once she finished her thank-you speech Minaj snapped, "Now back to this [girl] that had a lot to say about me the other day in the press. Miley, what's good?" Talk about drama!

Later in the program, Justin Bieber made his first stage appearance in over a year performing his new hit "What Do You Mean." At the end of his performance, Bieber was seen with his face in his hands crying. According to his interview on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Bieber wanted desperately to do well on his performance and was moved by the amount of support he received.

And who could forget Kanye? Oh, Kanye. After starting by clearing the air with Taylor Swift since their first interaction at the 2009 VMAs, Kanye West continued his spiel for eleven minutes. While the overall message of his speech is still uncertain, one thing can be known for certain: Kanye West will be running for president in 2020. What? Kanye for President? He said it himself: "I have decided, in 2020, to run for president" and then dropped the mic.

Finally, while viewers did not think the program could get more shocking, Miley Cyrus came out on stage for the final performance debuting her song "Doo It!" At the end of her performance, Cyrus announced that she would be releasing her new album "Miley Cyrus and Her Dead Petz" for free on SoundCloud.

When asked "What was the most memorable moment from the 2015 VMAs?", the Honeybear Nation made it clear that Kanye for President was the biggest take-away from the show. The second most memorable moment was Nicki Minaj calling out Miley Cyrus and far behind in the running was the release of Miley's new album and the emotions of Bieber after his performance.

Overall, the 2015 VMAs were full of drama and the utter disbelief of viewers and even those participating in the program.



# Editor's picks: Bear beats

BY AVA BONEY

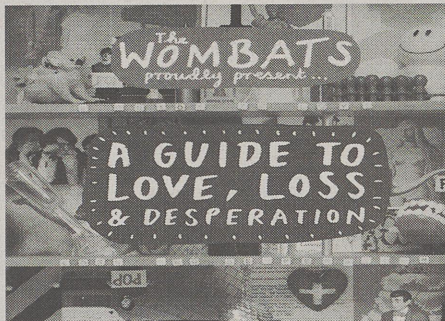
Arts and Entertainment Editor



*Only Imagine* -  
4 Door Theatre

4 Door Theatre in an emerging pop-punk band based out of Nashville. *Only Imagine*, their debut album, consists of six original songs that are perfect for jamming out in your car.

Highlight: 'Starting Fires'



*A Guide to Love, Loss, & Desperation* -  
The Wombats

The Wombats, an indie-disco band from the U.K., have repeatedly appeared on Alt Nations' 'Alt 18' charts. The Wombats music is a fantastic combination of 80s disco and modern alt-rock. *A Guide to Love, Loss, & Desperation* is exactly what it claims to be: a guide to love, loss, & desperation.

Highlight: 'Kill the Director'



*Love Stuff* -  
Elle King

Elle King, ironically the queen of modern blues-rock, catapulted her way to #1 with her hit song 'Exes and Oh's'. *Love Stuff* is the ultimate sassy-girlpower album.

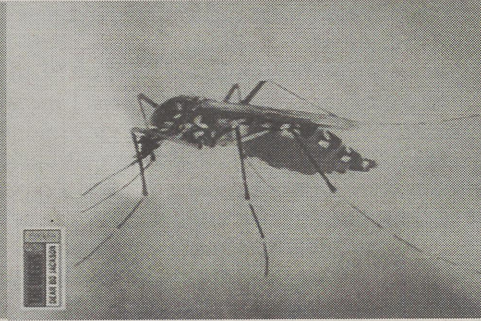
Highlight: 'I Told You I Was Mean'



*Dear Bo Jackson* -  
The Weeks

Mississippi natives, The Weeks, are an indie-rock band with some killer songs. Lead singer, Cyle Barnes has a voice like no other, with its intense grit, you couldn't mistake his voice for anyone else. *Dear Bo Jackson* was released in 2013.

Highlight: 'King-Sized-Death-Bed'



*Cry Baby* -

Melanie Martinez

Melanie Martinez, who made her debut on *The Voice* in 2012, released her final on August 13th at midnight. Martinez is known for her unique voice and vivid imagery in her songs. Martinez' music speaks out at societal messages in a way that has never been done before. Her sound is similar to that of Halsey or Troye Sivan.

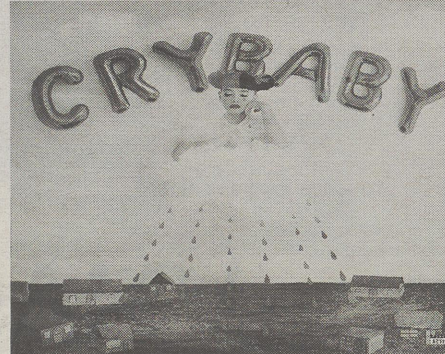
Highlight: 'Sippy Cup' and 'Tag, You're It'



*Same Trailer Different Park* -  
Kacey Musgraves

Kacey Musgraves made her debut in 2013 with her single 'Blowing Smoke' and the release of this album. Musgraves is known for her witty lyrics and southern charm.

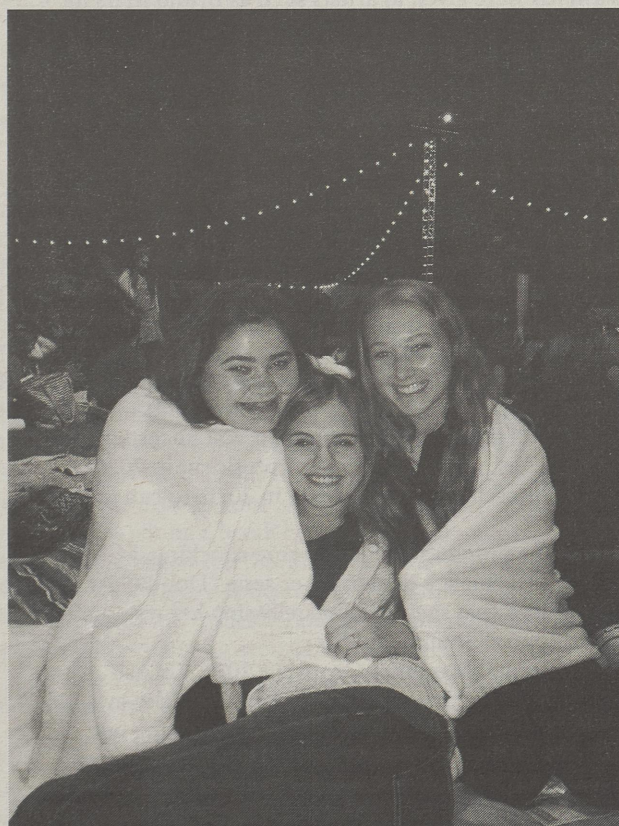
Highlight: 'Follow Your Arrow'



## Shakespeare in September

BY GRACIE POPE

Editor-to-Chief



**Making Warm Memories:** Honeybears share a blanket to best the cold. Photo courtesy of Corinne Gibson



**Shakespeare and SATCO:** The Shakespeare Society enjoys tacos before going to the performance. Photo courtesy of Corinne Gibson

"Henry V!" is the first word of a Shakespearean play brought to life by Nashville's Shakespeare in the Park. William Shakespeare's play, *Henry V*, was performed at the Nashville Shakespeare Festival's Shakespeare in the Park from August 13th through September 13th. The Harpeth Hall Shakespeare society and Playmakers viewed the last performance on Sunday, September 13th.

While some may imagine a Shakespearean play as being constricted to Renaissance period clothing, the Shakespeare in the Park rendition

of *Henry V* is different. Although it may have been easier to stay with the more classic telling of Shakespeare's many plays, director Nat McIntyre and artistic director Denise Hicks bring originality to an age-old tale. McIntyre, Hicks and the actors portrayed the characters of *Henry V* using the American Civil War as a backdrop for the story. With the Confederacy representing England and the Union representing France, viewers were able to experience a story of love, death and family told in a way that gave a look into America's

history.

Harpeth Hall also has a special connection to Shakespeare in the Park. According to Penley, Shakespeare in the Park's artistic director Denise Hicks is currently directing Harpeth Hall's performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Attending Shakespeare in the Park has been a fall tradition for the Harpeth Hall and Shakespeare society for years. Senior Lillie Penley says "Shakespeare in the Park is always such a fun experience. It's a tradition for Playmakers to attend Shakespeare



# Best of Nashville: Fall Edition

BY SHAYE HENDRICKS

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Pumpkin spice lattes and flannels are not the only things girls are buzzing about in the halls these days. Nashville has so much to offer this season including hiking trails, hip new restaurants, and of course, haunted houses.

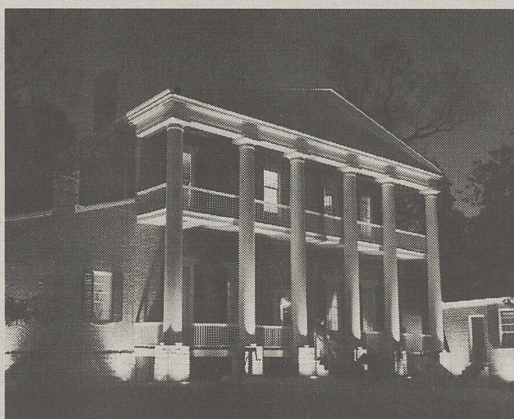
Whether Nashville is creating new diversions or continuing old ones, there is undoubtedly something to do for everyone this fall.

According to a recent poll, 49 percent of Harpeth Hall upper school students' favorite part about the fall is hiking on days with perfect weather. Some of the hottest parks in town are Percy Warner, Radnor Lake and Natchez Trace. Not only is this a great workout, but also these scenic views are beneficial to one's state of mind. In fact, according to GoodHiker.com, aerobic exercise such as hiking leads to reduced depression and better-quality sleep. Some other favorite fall activities include attending football games, having an excuse to go to Starbucks at least once a day, and certainly, pulling out those much-adored flannels.



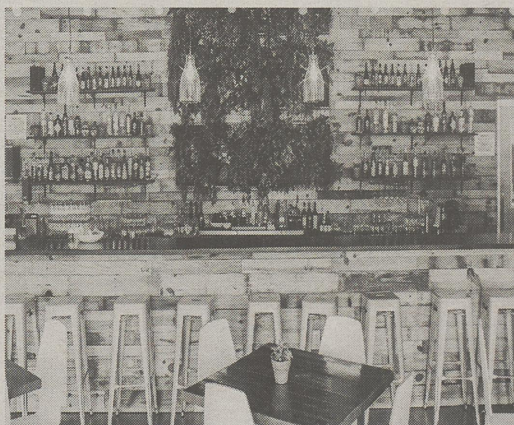
**Nature's Beauty:** Percy Warner Park is perfect for an fall hike. Photo courtesy of Nashville Parks

In addition, Nashville has an abundance of haunted trails, hayrides and tours all during the month of October. One long-treasured tradition, taking place at Hermitage each year, is on October 24. This festivity combines history with Halloween, as locals are given the opportunities of a ghost tour of the mansion, a haunted hayride through the woods, and trick-or-treating. Another favorite seasonal feature is the Devil's Dungeon, claiming to be the scariest haunted house in Nashville. This haunted house, which opened up September 18th, practically guarantees nightmares. One can find this place downtown Nashville at 510 Davidson Street East...or by the shrill screams coming from inside.



**Hermitage Hauntings:** Brave souls enter the haunted Hermitage every October. Photo courtesy of Hermitage Foundation

Nashville, ranked number 20 on Forbes's fastest growing cities list, is overflowing with new offices, apartments, and restaurants. One new and noteworthy restaurant gaining popularity as fall emerges is Avo, a raw plant-based and non-processed dining experience. Created by chef Jess Rice and Hot Yoga Plus owner Susannah Herring, Avo focuses on producing food that is healthy and environmentally-friendly. For example, nothing is heated above 118 degrees in order to preserve vitamins, nutrients and enzymes. A favorite dish is the Nashville Wild Salad, which changes daily, and for dessert, the lemon and strawberry cheesecake is another popular option.



**Dining healthy:** AVO is a new restaurant in Nashville that serves delicious and healthy food. Photo courtesy of The Tennessean



## Hurrah for Highbury

BY BIANCA SASS

Staff Writer

High school can be an extremely arduous time; when you throw in relationships (or lack thereof), drama with friends, and the requirement to break into impromptu song, education becomes a daunting prospect. The fictitious high school, Highbury Prep, is a prime example of this combination. Emma! A Pop Musical, based on Jane Austen's acclaimed novel, focuses on boarding school student, Emma, who faces many obstacles while trying to play matchmaker for her younger friend Harriet.

Approximately fifty Harpeth Hall and MBA ninth-through twelfth-grade actresses, actors and techies began working and rehearsing for the show over the summer, with long days and late nights right from the start. Hume Fogg sophomore, actress and musical theater enthusiast, Naomi Horn, came to the Saturday matinee and said, "[I loved] the scene at the beginning when Emma and Harriet were first trying to sort through their priorities... it had [a] nostalgic point of view, and it was well-acted, too."

Besides being entertaining for audience members, cast and crew members report that Emma! also provided an enriching theater experience. Junior and ensemble member, Madeline Saltsman, explains, "Probably the most important thing I learned from being in Emma! is don't be afraid to take risks...I was [scared] to step outside of my comfort zone and try new things on stage; however, I ultimately decided to take risks and try something new." Emma! A Pop Musical was a production that left the audience laughing and smiling, and the cast was just as elated.



**Go Highbury Porcupines!** Sophomore Charlotte Staggs lights up the stage with her voice. Photo courtesy of Marie Maxwell



## From a president who works and cares, to a bowler who strikes and spares

BY BUSHRA RAHMAN AND HELEN RIEKE  
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While many athletes at Harpeth Hall can be seen excelling in sports such as swimming, rowing or cross-country, Sloane Fuller can be found focusing on her varsity sport, bowling.

Sloane Fuller, also known as Madame President or Safari Chick, is a senior bowler this year at Harpeth Hall. Fuller is known to be a natural leader, both in the classroom and at the bowling alley. Her determination and tenacious personality definitely reflect in her schoolwork, but they also contribute to her excellence in bowling.

However, Fuller came into the sport by fluke in freshman year. She tried out with a couple of other friends, hoping to simply try something fun and different, and not expecting it to be an activity to which she would actually commit.

"I always wanted to know what all this hype about the bowling team was about. Although we didn't do great in tryouts, as it was my first time bowling

without the bumpers, I realized that this was something I really enjoyed and wanted to take seriously," Fuller said.

Fuller enjoys the relaxed team atmosphere and hanging out with friends, but she has also learned what it takes to be a great bowler over the last few years. When asked the most important lesson she has learned from her coach, Robert Womack, Middle School Latin teacher, Fuller said, "I really beat myself up when I don't do as well as I wanted to, but Mr. Womack has helped me realize that we all have off-days, and it's especially pertinent to our sport."

Fuller hopes to bowl her personal best this year by qualifying for individual state, and she will continue to "bowl recreationally" after graduation. Fuller said that one of her funniest memories from bowling occurred during last year's season, when the bowlers began practicing and competing in a new bowling alley after the Hillwood Strike and Spare was closed. She remembers when

the team "was walking into our new bowling alley in Donelson, and [the girls were] all looking at one another with bewildered faces." Donelson Strike and Spare was quite a change for the bowlers with its muskier, vintage feel, also known for lacking a much-needed Ikee machine.

Major accomplishments in Fuller's bowling career at Harpeth Hall include bowling in varsity matches her freshman year alongside seniors, winning the prestigious "Coach's Award" sophomore year and winning "Most Valuable Bowler" last season. Fuller's highest game bowled was a whopping score of 206. When asked about Fuller, sophomore bowler Dhara Patel said, "Sloane is a great leader, and she sets a great example for the underclassmen."

At the end of the day, Fuller bowls because she has fun doing it. "[Bowling] is so fun...I love being involved in an after school activity and feel a part of a team".



**BOWLING BEAR:** Sloane Fuller bowls with impeccable form in a recent match.

Photo courtesy of Lara Lillian Johnson

## Lux et Velocitas: newest member of rowing team

BY MACLIN SATZ  
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An exciting surprise greeted the rowing team when they began training this past summer: a new rowing shell.

Generously given by an anonymous donor, the boat is named Lux Et Velocitas, meaning light and speed. The first new boat in the program's history, Lux Et Velocitas, is a state-of-the-art four-person boat plus coxswain. The coxswain is the part of the boat where the person who commands and steers the boat sits.

According to Coach Eric Gehrke, "[the boat] is made of carbon fiber and lightweight materials. The boat also came with brand new oars." The superior craftsmanship makes for the speed for which it is named, and Lux Et Velocitas stands out amongst the other shells.

The members of the rowing team use Lux Et Velocitas for both practice and races. According to freshman Emily Hollins, the team practices six days a week for two and a half hours at Radnor Lake. The Harpeth Hall crew team and coaches partner with the Nashville Rowing Club for training and conditioning. Within Nashville Juniors Rowing, there are 70 athletes, and 22 Nashville schools are



**RECORD SETTERS:** (from left to right) Anna Grace Cole, Laurel Jobe, Ellie Loving, Wynne Briggs and Marguerite Trost row with lightning speed. Photo courtesy of Karen Sutton

represented. In some situations, people from many different schools race in the same shell.

The new boat was raced for the first time on September 19th by Anna Grace Cole, Laurel Jobe, Wynne Briggs, Marguerite Trost, and Ellie Loving. Laurel Jobe said, "It is like a whole different world rowing in the new shell. We are all so excited, and it is absolutely amazing."

Coach Gehrke said, "We are very excited about the new four that was donated so kindly to our rowing program. As the coaches, our overall goal is always to provide the best experience and platform to the young ladies on our team, and this shell is a big step in that direction for the year."

On Oct. 10, the team as a whole finished the Music City Scrimmage, a 5k race, with second and third place finishes. The women's eight finished in 11th place in a women's varsity 5k race with a time of school record time 20:06:78 minutes. The Lux finished with a record time of 19:39.6 amongst the top ten boats.

Needles to say, the Lux et Velocitas is serving the team well!



# Shooting hoops and making history from Ward Belmont to Harpeth Hall

BY KEELY HENDRICKS  
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In the last few years, the excitement for Harpeth Hall basketball has been palpable. Never has this been clearer than when Harpeth Hall students piled on to Greyhound buses in the spring of 2013 to watch their Honeybears play in the state semi-finals. Yet, this passion for the sport and the team is not new.

This winning tradition and inevitable school spirit stem from a program that has been in existence for almost 120 years, starting with Harpeth Hall's predecessor, Ward Belmont.

Basketball was invented in 1891, and the all-girls preparatory school quickly caught on. By the mid-1890s, Ward Belmont had put together a team. In March of 1897, these girls would participate in the first women's basketball game ever recorded in Tennessee.

The Ward Belmont girls competed against Vanderbilt in Vanderbilt's Old University Gym. This game was significantly different from the games that Harpeth Hall Honeybears play today. For starters, the girls wore bloomers, laced-up boots, and large, collared blouses. Each basket counted five points flat.

There was also a strange catch: men were not allowed to attend. Dr. Mary Ellen Pethel, Upper School social sciences teacher and published historian, wrote, "[M]any still felt that girls playing sports put too much 'co' in co-education – so they barred male spectators."



**BLOOMERS AND BLOUSES TO HARPETH HALL PLAID:** Our schools continue to excel in sports.  
Photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Pethel

Ironically, the game itself was documented by a male reporter from Vanderbilt's newspaper, *The Hustler*, who had managed to sneak in and observe the sporting event from an inconspicuous gym corner. He wrote, "The agility of some of them was really surprising, as they got around after the ball in a manner that would put some of our gym graduates to shame. The teams seemed pretty evenly matched, the Vandy co-eds having a little advantage in the matter of weight."

The Nashville American newspaper also reported that "[t]here were no broken bones, black eyes or scratched

faces reported, however, the members of either team were willing to sacrifice a few strands of hair to the good cause."

Some of those sacrificed strands of hair may have been the result of some fairly raucous playing. As Pethel describes, basketball was rough for both men and women, so much so that the game could be likened to flag football or softball. Fouls were only called in the case of brazen misconduct. The Nashville American might not have intended sarcasm when it reported the game's lack of startling bodily injuries.

Vanderbilt won the game, and its means of doing so demonstrates the disparity between basketball in 1897 and basketball in 2015. First of all, the goal was scored by Stella Vaughn, who was also Vanderbilt's coach; such a situation was completely legal in that time. According to one account, Vaughn botched a pass, causing her ball to ricochet off the wall and into the hoop. Her convoluted shot, which was deemed entirely valid, scored the only points of the game.

Ward-Belmont may have lost, but this single basketball game became the genesis of something greater.

Pethel wrote, "This athletic tradition continued at Ward-Belmont, and women's sports gained momentum in the 1920s as sports became a permanent part of school life and culture. Athletics inspired loyalty and unity at Ward-Belmont."

Today, that passion for sports--and the spirit of community it entails--is very much alive. In the past five years, 53% of Upper School students have participated in sports, which is a historic peak of athletic involvement. Although some rules and uniforms have changed since that spring game in 1897, the same loyalty and unity have persevered through the generations as Harpeth Hall continues Ward Belmont's legacy as a leader in sports for young women.

## Champion soccer team welcomes new coach

BY CAROLINE SCUDDER  
Staff Writer



**CLAPPING COACH:** Coach Pisano leads her team to victory!  
Photo courtesy of Harpeth Hall

A new honey bear has joined the Harpeth Hall staff! Jeannie Pisano, more commonly known as Coach Pisano, is the new varsity head soccer coach for this season.

A Vanderbilt graduate, Pisano played for four years as a starter on the soccer team. Later, she continued her athletic career by joining the Women's Professional Summer Soccer League for the Tampa Bay Extreme. After receiving her Master of Arts degree from the University of South Florida, she served as a varsity coach for several club teams and for Frank-

lin Road Academy. In all, Pisano has racked up over fourteen years of teaching and coaching experience.

Soccer player, Sydney Webber (senior), said, "I think she really knows what she's doing. She's had lots of experience with other teams and has definitely seen the ins and outs of high level playing."

Considering the team's record, Coach Pisano has started the season on a strong note. Whether it's her positive attitude or ability to get the team motivated, Pisano's new position seems like a nice fit. Melissa Markham (senior) added, "She's very

encouraging and constructive while being very sweet and fun at the same time." Because of the combination of the team's hard work and great coaching, the soccer team continues to be successful on the field. The team appreciates Coach Pisano's fun and supportive nature, and they look forward to the rest of the season.

We cannot wait to watch the Harpeth Hall Varsity Soccer team continue their winning streak under the guidance Coach Pisano's wisdom.

### Q&A with Coach Pisano

#### What is your favorite sports memory?

I have lots of favorite sports memories but at the top is the time that my team at Berkeley Prep won the Florida regional title in Tallahassee, Fl. It was an away game, electric atmosphere, and we stayed very disciplined and won in 2OT and penalty kicks. I will never forget that moment of being so proud of my players.

#### What is the best advice you have ever received?

Self discipline and dedication is the key to success.

#### What is your coaching strategy for this year?

My coaching strategy is based on the belief that all 18 of my players each have a unique gift to bring to the team. It is my responsibility to bring out these strengths and build successes with them, every chance we get. It also mimics my team's motto in the locker room - Play Hard, Play to Win, Have Fun.





## Fall Favorites

By Saffee Croker  
Backpage Editor

Although summer has ended, we can all enjoy these fall favorites.



Just about everywhere you go, you will hear the euphonious sound of crushing leaves under your feet.



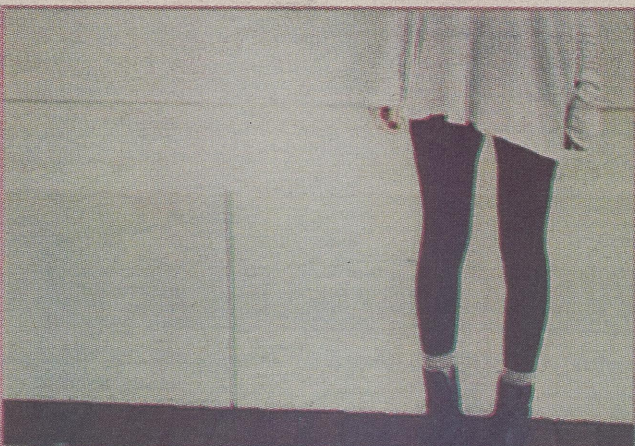
Finding the perfect pumpkin is one of the most rewarding feelings.



Some days call for a hot chocolate from The Max.



Why go outside when you can smell the autumn breeze from your trusty Bath and Body Works candle?



Although the summer weather is gone, it is the perfect season to sport your favorite leggings under your plaid skirt.



The best time to wear a striped sweater is all the time.



Uggs can be worn at any time.



Last but not leaf...